

ABSTRACT

Communication is an activity of expressing ideas and feelings or a way of giving people information. Conversation is one form of communication which at least should consist of a speaker, a hearer, and information that aim to be discussed. Pragmatic theory, discussing about conversation, is conversation analysis which analyzes about turn taking strategies such as pauses, overlaps, backchannel, conversation style, and adjacency pairs. This thesis investigates about the similarities and differences of linguistic conversation characteristics of Elle's speech in Ellen Degeneres show when she converses with male and female guest of celebrities and find out the Ellen's conversation pattern. This thesis uses the qualitative research method to analyze the data. The result shows that there are some similarities and differences of Ellen's conversation characteristics when conversing to her guests in pauses, overlaps, backchannel and adjacency pairs. Moreover, Ellen's conversation style is high involvement style with the characteristics of active and fast speaking rate, almost no pausing between turns, and some overlaps. Furthermore, her conversational pattern when conversing with male guest is mostly orderly mannered of speaking while whereas with female is more interrogative way of speaking style.

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